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**UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL**

(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))

Attorney Docket No. 04860.P1429D4First Named Inventor William S. Duckwall, et al.Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR THE ADDITION AND REMOVAL OF NODES FROM A COMMON INTERCONNECTExpress Mail Label No. EL638835227US1-0860 U.S. PTO  
09/15/2646

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**APPLICATION ELEMENTS**

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

1. ☒ **Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)**  
(Submit an original, and a duplicate for fee processing)
2. ☐ **Applicant Claims Small Entity Status. (37 CFR 1.27)**
3. ☒ **Specification (Total Pages 49)**  
(preferred arrangement set forth below)
  - Descriptive Title of the Invention
  - Cross Reference to Related Applications
  - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
  - Reference sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
  - Background of the Invention
  - Brief Summary of the Invention
  - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
  - Detailed Description
  - Claim(s)
  - Abstract of the Disclosure
4. ☒ **Drawings(s) (35 USC 113) (Total Sheets 25)**
5. ☒ **Oath or Declaration (Total Pages 3)**
  - a. ☐ Newly Executed (Original or Copy)
  - b. ☒ Copy from a Prior Application (37 CFR 1.63(d))  
(for Continuation/Divisional with Box 17 completed)
    - i. ☐ DELETIONS OF INVENTOR(S) Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
  - c. ☐ Unsigned.
6. ☐ **Application Data Sheet. (37 CFR 1.76)**
7. ☐ **CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)**
8. ☐ **Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission**  
(if applicable, all necessary)
  - a. ☐ Computer Readable Form (CRF)
  - b. ☐ Specification Sequence Listing on:
    - i. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or
    - ii. ☐ paper
  - c. ☐ Statement verifying identity of above copies

## ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

9. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & documents(s))
10. ☐ a. Separate 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement (where there is an assignee)  
☐ b. Power of Attorney
11. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
12. ☒ a. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449  
☐ b. Copies of IDS Citations
13. ☒ Preliminary Amendment
14. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503) (Should be specifically itemized)
15. ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) (if foreign priority is claimed)
16. ☒ Other: Formal Drawings (25 sheets)  
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☐ Continuation ☒ Divisional ☐ Continuation-in-part (CIP)  
 Of Prior Application No.: 09/330,896 Examiner L. Donaghue Group Art Unit 2783

(which is a ☐ continuation/ ☒ divisional/ ☐ CIP of prior application no. 09/186,921,  
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**For CONTINUATION AND DIVISIONAL APPS only:** The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which an oath or declaration is supplied under Box 5b, is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference. The incorporation can only be relied upon when a portion has been inadvertently omitted from the submitted application parts.

**17B. Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) for continuing application:**

The undersigned states that \_\_\_\_\_ (name of assignee) is the assignee of the entire right, title, and interest in the accompanying patent application by virtue of an assignment recorded in the Patent and Trademark Office at Reel. No. \_\_\_\_\_ Frame No. \_\_\_\_\_ (or a copy of which is attached).

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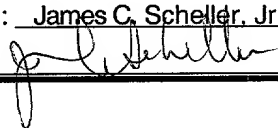
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**FEE TRANSMITTAL FOR FY 2001****TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$)** \$710.00**Complete if Known:****Application No.** \_\_\_\_\_**Filing Date** December 29, 2000**First Named Inventor** William S. Duckwall, et al.**Group Art Unit** \_\_\_\_\_**Examiner Name** \_\_\_\_\_**Attorney Docket No.** 04860.P1429D4**METHOD OF PAYMENT (check one)**

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101	710	201	355	Utility application filing fee	<u>\$710.00</u>
106	320	206	160	Design application filing fee	_____
107	490	207	245	Plant filing fee	_____
108	710	208	355	Reissue filing fee	_____
114	150	214	75	Provisional application filing fee	_____

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			<u>Extra</u>		<u>Fee from below</u>		<u>Fee Paid</u>
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Independent Claims	<u>1</u>	- 3 =	<u>0</u>	X	<u>\$80.00</u>	=	<u>\$0.00</u>
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103	18	203	9	Claims in excess of twenty	<u>\$0.00</u>
102	80	202	40	Independent claims in excess of 3	<u>\$0.00</u>
104	270	204	135	Multiple dependent claim	_____
109	80	209	40	Reissue independent claims over original patent	_____
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105	130	205	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	_____
127	50	227	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	_____
139	130	139	130	Non-English specification	_____
147	2,520	147	2,520	For filing a request for reexamination	_____
112	920*	112	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	_____
113	1,840*	113	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	_____
115	110	215	55	Extension for response within first month	_____
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117	890	217	445	Extension for response within third month	_____
118	1,390	218	695	Extension for response within fourth month	_____
128	1,890	228	945	Extension for response within fifth month	_____
119	310	219	155	Notice of Appeal	_____
120	310	220	155	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	_____
121	270	221	135	Request for oral hearing	_____
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140	110	240	55	Petition to revive unavoidably abandoned application or unavoidably delayed payment of issue fee	_____
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142	1,240	242	620	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	_____
143	440	243	220	Design issue fee	_____
144	600	244	300	Plant issue fee	_____
122	130	122	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	_____
123	50	123	50	Petitions related to provisional applications	_____
126	180	126	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	_____
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146	710	246	355	For filing a submission after final rejection (see 37 CFR 1.129(a))	_____
149	710	249	355	For each additional invention to be examined (see 37 CFR 1.129(b))	_____
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